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TO : Chief, EE
Attn: ☐
FROM : Chief of Base, Vienna ☐
SUBJECT: GENERAL — Operational/GROOVY
SPECIFIC — Maria and Vladimir PEKELSKY
INFO: MUNICH

DATE: 10. Juli 1953

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1. Vladimir PEKELSKY, Czech emigre associated with General PRCHATA's group, and editor of the Czech publication Bohemia in Munich, was investigated some months ago by CIC as an alleged American intelligence agent. Linz CIC report L/27114, 30 December 1952, lists PEKELSKY and his wife Maria as operating in the Linz-Wels area out of Munich for OSI. When interviewed at that time by members of the Wels Field Office, 430th CIC Sub-Detachment "B", both persons identified themselves by the use of various valid code numbers. The January 1953 list of informants dropped by U.S. intelligence agencies in the U.S. Zones of Germany and Austria includes Maria PEKELSKY as having been dropped in May 1952 for security reasons.

2. In March 1953 CCG intercepted a letter from M.A. KIRCHNER, Graz, to Vladimir PEKELSKY. The letter mentioned the transmittal of an identification card, relayed thanks from one HAVLICEK, and enclosed a list, compiled by WELDEMAN (fn), of Czech Communist collaborators in Vienna. The letter also named an (Engr.) BODINGER.

3. Attached is a copy of V/34892, 10 June 1953, summarizing the results of CIC's second investigation prompted by the recent CCG intercept. CIC learned from Maria PEKELSKY that her husband "is in need of all types of current information from the CSR", and that he hopes to establish a direct channel into the CSR for this purpose. He is seeking someone in Vienna to compile the take and forward the intelligence to PEKELSKY.

4. As noted in V/34892, CIC requested a British check of KIRCHNER in Graz, and learned that KIRCHNER's return address was actually the location of a convent.

5. Our traces show only that PEKELSKY was in touch with Franz KLIMOVIC as early as January 1951 (see page 2 of the attachment), and that HAVLICEK is probably Jan HAVLICEK, Vienna XVI, Postamt 107, Fach 50, who received a letter from PEKELSKY in April 1952 requesting "more information on HAVLICEK's group" and suggesting a meeting in Linz.

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6. V/34892 quotes information given by Maria PEKELSKY to a CIC informant in March 1953, which is a verbatim translation of [] report that Karel CVRK was working for CIC. (Original [] report attached; a translation was sent to Salzburg in VOB 739, 7 April 1953.) The English-language and German-language versions of this statement correspond so exactly that we believe PEKELSKY must have handed the CIC source a written copy of the paragraph which we received from []. In April G-2 USFA received a similar report from IntOrg, BTA, who attributed it to a "confidential source who may have passed it to you as well". (See EASA 1505, 14 June 1953.) This note may have no bearing on the PEKELSKYs and their sources, since the British probably learned of CVRK from []

7. Can Munich furnish any information on the PEKELSKYs' connections in Austria, and their present status with OSI? Headquarters and MOB traces are requested on WEIDEMANN, fnu, BODINGER, fnu, Jan HAVLICEK, Vienna, and M.A. KIRCHNER, Leonhardstr. 62, Graz. VR

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Distribution:

EE-3 with att: 1) V/34892 (8 pages)
2) [] raw report (1 page)

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